



# TWRA NEWS

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### WEST TENNESSEE DUCK BLIND DRAWINGS

The date and locations have been set for duck blind drawings in West Tennessee on TWRA's Wildlife Management Areas. Drawings on all of the areas will be Saturday August 5, 2006. Registration will be 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. with the drawings to begin at 10:00 a.m.

#### To participate in the annual blind drawing, individuals must:

- C Be at least 16 years of age.
- C Appear in person.
- C Not have applied for more than one area.
- C Possess one of the following licenses and permits (except at Reelfoot where only an annual Reelfoot Preservation Permit is required). No licenses or permits will be available at blind drawing locations.

#### Residents:

- Lifetime Sportsman License
- Sportsman License (Type 04)
- Type 01 License and Type 91 Permit
- Type 166 License and Type 91 Permit or Type 167 Permit
- Proof of age (residents born before March 1, 1926) and Type 91 Permit

#### Nonresidents:

- Type 71 License and Type 91 Permit
- Type 73 License and Type 91 Permit

Drawings will be held at the following locations:

Gooch Unit A (35 blinds)

Location for drawing - Town of Obion - City Park. Take U.S. Highway 51 north from Memphis or south from Union City. Get off at Obion exit, turn east to City Park.

**Reelfoot** (45 blinds)

Location for drawing - Ellington Hall at Reelfoot State Park Visitors Center, Hwy. 22, 2 ½ miles east of Tiptonville, TN. - across from Boyette's Restaurant.

**Kentucky Lake (Camden Units I&II, Harmon's Creek, Big Sandy, and Gin Creek)**

(Camden-48 blinds; Harmon Creek-9 blinds; Big Sandy-18 blinds; and Gin Creek- 6 blinds)

Location for drawing - Little League Ballfield in Big Sandy, TN.

**Barkley Unit I** (24 blinds)

Location for drawing - Dover Elementary School, 1 mile south of Dover, TN on Hwy. 49.

**Tigrett** (17 blind sites) Location for drawing- Dyersburg Fairgrounds (First Citizens Pavillion). Take Newbern/ Dyersburg exit ( State Hwy 211) off U.S. Hwy. 412 at Dyersburg. Take Hwy. 211 west, towards Dyersburg, turn on Community Park Road. Fairgrounds will be on the right.

**West Sandy** (40 blinds) Location will be the Livestock Barn at the Henry Co. Fairgrounds in Paris, TN.

TWRA would like to remind people attending the blind drawings that rules and regulations state - **No person shall buy, sell, or barter, or offer to buy, sell or barter the privilege of signing on a draw blind.** Violation of this is a Class B misdemeanor.

**12TH ANNUAL KENTUCKY LAKE WATERFOWL FESTIVAL**

The 12th Annual Kentucky Lake Waterfowl Festival returns to Big Sandy, TN City Park on Saturday, August 5th. Hosted by the Paris-Henry County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the event will have 50 exhibitors from six states on hand with displays ranging from new calls and motion decoys to boats, clothing, ammo, and more.

The festivity will again be held in conjunction with the TWRA public drawings for duck blinds on wildlife management areas that border Kentucky Lake. For the last decade the event has averaged drawing 3,000-plus waterfowlers each day to the festival searching for everything from new duck and goose calls to the latest in camouflage clothing, retrievers, taxidermists, boats, motors, outfitters, new trucks, ATVs, decoys, and more.

All proceeds benefit the ducks and geese as the entire event is run by volunteers donating their time and efforts.

Admission is FREE. The festival hours will be from 7 AM until 3 PM. Exhibitors may set up on Friday afternoon between 2-6 PM.

For additional information email Steve McCadams at [stevemc@charter.net](mailto:stevemc@charter.net). Or, you may call 731-642-0360.

**TWRA REGION I FISHING REPORT**

**BROWNS CREEK LAKE (located ten miles south of I-40 in Natchez Trace State Park):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5 (16"-21" PLR) only one per day greater than 21", Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 ( 10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish are being caught on plastic worms and lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on crickets and red worms.

**CARROLL LAKE (located on Hwy. 22 between McKenzie and Huntingdon):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish are being caught on plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on wax worms and crickets.

**DAVY CROCKETT LAKE (located 4 miles west of Humboldt off Hwy. 152):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass-10, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum). ). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is good using plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow, fish being caught in deep water on small minnows. Bluegill/shellcrackers are being caught on wax worms and crickets.

**GARRETT LAKE (located on Hwy. 190 near Dresden ):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass- 5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie-30 (10" minimum). ). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is fair using plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good on crickets and red worms.

**GIBSON CO. LAKE (located at Trenton)**

**Creel Limits** – Bass – 5 (14-18" PLR) only 1 bass per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on night crawlers. Bass fishing is good, fish being caught using plastic lizards and on top water baits early in the morning or late in the afternoon. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good using wax worms, crickets and red worms.

**GLENN SPRINGS LAKE (located on Glenn Springs Rd, 12 miles northeast of Millington):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 5 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Bluegill/Redear (in combination) – 20, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Catfish are being caught chicken/turkey livers and night crawlers. Bass fishing is fair, some fish being caught using crank baits and plastic lizards. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and jigs tipped with wax worms.

**HERB PARSONS LAKE (located 8 miles north of Collierville off Collierville-Arlington Road):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair. Catfishing is good, being caught on chicken/turkey liver. Crappie is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on wax worms, red worms and crickets.

**LAKE GRAHAM (located 5 miles east of Jackson on Cotton Grove Road):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 10 (14"-18" PLR) only one bass per day greater than 18", Blue and Channel Catfish -5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good, fish being caught on plastic lizards and on top water baits early in the morning or late afternoon. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfishing is fair, some being caught on turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being using red worms and small jigs tipped with wax worms.

**MAPLES CREEK LAKE (located 4 miles north of I-40 in Nathez Trace State Park):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass -5, Blue and Channel Catfish - 5, Crappie - 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is fair, fish are being caught on plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. Catfish are being caught on turkey livers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on red worms and crickets.

**WHITEVILLE LAKE (located 2 miles south of Whiteville off Hwy. 64):**

**Creel Limits-** Bass - 5, Blue and Channel Catfish- 5, Crappie- 30 (10" minimum). Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on plastic lizards. Catfishing is good . Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers. Crappie is slow. Some fish being caught on small minnows. Bluegill and shellcracker fishing is good. Fish are being caught on red worms, crickets and wax worms.

**REELFOOT LAKE:**

**Creel Limits-** Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches), Crappie – 30 (no size limit). Water temps in the upper 80's, which has slowed fishing. Lake level is below summer pool Bass fishing is slow. Fish being caught on crank baits and plastic worms. Crappie fishing is slow. Bream fishing is fair, fish being caught on jigs tipped with wax worms. Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught on nightcrawlers.

#### **KENTUCKY LAKE:**

**Creel Limits-** Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (minimum length 15 inches), Crappie – 30 (minimum length 10 inches) Sauger – 10 (minimum length 14 inches), Catfish (only one catfish over 34 inches per day. No limit on fish under 34 inches)

North of I-40: Water temps in the upper-80's. Lake is on a slow fall and below summer pool level. Bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught on plastic worms . Crappie fishing is fair. Fish are being caught in deep water along the main ledges. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on turkey livers or night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is good. Fish being caught on gravel bars on jigs tipped with wax worms.

South of I-40: Water temps in the upper 80's. Water lever is below summer pool. Bass fishing has fair. Some fish being caught on main river points on plastic worms and deep running crankbaits. Crappie fishing is fair. Some fish are moving to deeper water, being caught on minnows and jigs. Catfishing is fair. Fish being caught on the main channel using turkey livers and night crawlers. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing is fair. Fish being caught on crickets, red worms and small jigs tipped with wax worms.

#### **PICKWICK LAKE:**

**Creel Limits:** Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (15 inch minimum length limit on bass). Crappie – 30 (minimum length 9 inches). Water temps are in the upper 80's. Largemouth bass fishing is fair. Fish being caught in on plastic lizards or jigs. Smallmouth fishing is fair. Some fish being caught around grass beds. Crappie fishing is slow. Bluegill/shellcracker fishing good. Fish being caught on crickets and jigs tipped with waxworms.

#### **LAKE BARKLEY:**

**Creel Limits:** Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass – 5 (minimum length limit 15 inches on bass). Crappie – 30 (minimum length limit 10 inches). Water temps in the upper 80's. Bass fishing is good. Fish being caught on jigs and plastic worms. Crappie fishing is fair. Fish are scattered, some being taken in deep water around stumps and other cover on minnows. Catfishing is good. Fish being caught on night crawlers and turkey livers.

